GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2998
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MOU WITH GREECE
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India has recently signed memorandum of understanding with Greece on `Economic Co-operation in Tobacco`; (

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the tobacco production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. The MoU on Co-operation in the field of agriculture signed by India and Greece on 5th February, 2001 does not identify tobacco as a priority area.

(c) : Government, through the Tobacco Board, is making efforts to help tobacco farmers to improve yield and quality of FCV tobacco by assistance in obtaining loans from banks, insurance coverage for the curing barns and arranging supply of inputs like high-yielding varieties of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.